THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government has not taken a decision so far.

Porters as Regular Employees of Railways

1960. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to employ the porters as regular employees of Indian Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Porters are licensees of the Railways and earn their wages direct from the passengers for carrying their luggage. There is no proposal, therefore, to employ them as regular employees of the Railways.

National Institute of Maternal and Child Health

1961. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to establish a National Institute of Maternal and Child Health in the country during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of the State Governments which have sent their suggestions with the name of locations;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government of Maharashtra have requested to start this institute at Nagpur named after Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru; and

(d) if so, what is the decision taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven State Governments have sent their proposals. The names of locations are Hyderabad, Trivandrum, Nagpur, Allahabad, Calcutta, Patiala and Jodhpur.

(c) Government of Maharashtra have proposed Nagpur as the location.

(d) Decision will be taken after the Expert Group submits its Report.

राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास (नेशनल बुक ट्रस्ट)

1962. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा :** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास के निदेशक का पद खाली पड़ा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कब से और इस पद के अभी तक भरे न जाने के क्या कारण हैं ; और

(ग) राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास के ढांचे में सुधार करने के लिए सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास, भारत के निदेशक का पद 1 नवम्बर, 1985 से रिक्त पड़ा है । राष्ट्रीय पुस्तक न्यास के भूतपूर्व अध्यक्ष, को अध्यक्षता में चयन समिति ने